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JAPAN

1. OBERDORFER (WP) IN TOKYO SAYS WE NATIONS, IN  
OPEN REBUFF TO HAK'S PROPOSAL, HAVE ASKED JAPAN  
TO COOPERATE IN TWO-WAY GENERAL DECLARATION OF  
GUIDING PRINCIPLES WITHOUT US PARTICIPATION. GOJ  
FEARS, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WOULD IRRITATE HAK AND  
PUT NEW STRAIN ON US ALLIANCE. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY  
RATIONALE IS THAT EUROPE-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP IS  
OF COMPLETELY DIFFERENT NATURE FROM EUROPE-US ONE,  
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AND THE THREE SHOULD NOT BE COMBINED IN SINGLE  
PHILOSOPHICAL OR POLITICAL DECLARATION. DESPITE  
MISGIVINGS, GOJ PLEASED BY ALL THIS ATTENTION,  
AS BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, DUTCH AND BELGIAN ENVOYS

IN TOKYO HAVE FOLLOWED UP INITIAL APPROACH BY DANES DURING SECRETARY'S RECENT VISIT. JAPANESE RESPONSE EXPECTED IN FEW DAYS.

2. NYT, WP AND JOC REPORT JAPANESE OFFICIALS WELCOME ARAB DECISION EXEMPTING JAPAN FROM DECEMBER CUTBACK IN OIL SHIPMENTS, WITH NAKASONE VOICING GRATITUDE FOR ARAB UNDERSTANDING OF JAPAN'S NEW ME POLICY. HALLORAN (NYT) SAID GOJ REACTED CAUTIOUSLY OVERALL, NOTING PM TANAKA'S NEWS CONFERENCE STATEMENT THAT PLAN FOR REMODELING JAPAN WOULD HAVE TO BE SCALED DOWN DUE TO OIL SHORTAGE. NYT AND JOC REPORTED MITI OFFICIAL WADA'S ESTIMATE TO PRESS THAT BECAUSE OF TRANSIT TIME DELAYS, OIL CRUNCH WOULD HIT IN DECEMBER ANYWAY WITH 30 PERCENT SHORTFALL UNDER EXPECTED IMPORTS. DISCUSSING IMPORTANCE OF EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF JAPAN BY MAJOR INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES, WADA SAID IT IS UP TO THEM TO SEE WHETHER ARAB DECISION DROPPING FURTHER DECEMBER CUTBACK WILL RESULT IN INCREASE IN DELIVERIES TO JAPAN NEXT MONTH. ACCORDING HALLORAN, WADA SAID PRESENT ARAB CUTS ALREADY HAVING WIDER IMPACT ON JAPAN BECAUSE COMPANIES WERE DIVERTING IRAN-INDONESIA OIL FROM JAPAN TO OTHER CUSTOMERS. JOC ON OTHER HAND SAID IT WAS APPARENT THAT GOJ DOES NOT FEEL ANY SPECIAL DISCRIMINATION BEING APPLIED BY MAJOR OIL COMPANIES AND QUOTED WADA AS SAYING WHAT IS NEEDED IS GLOBAL AND STABLE RELATIONSHIP AMONG PRODUCING COUNTRIES, THE MAJORS, AND CONSUMING NATIONS. BOTH QUOTED WADA AS SAYING GOJ IS MAKING CONTACTS WITH MAJORS TO SEE THAT JAPAN IS "FAIRLY AND EQUITABLY TREATED".

3. CULLISON (JOC) REPORTS JAPANESE DOCKERS BEGAN NATIONWIDE 24 HOUR STRIKE WED., BUT ONLY KOBE DOCKERS STILL OUT AFTER HALF DAY. UNION REP TOLD JOC THAT SPORADIC STRIKES WILL CONTINUE ERUPTING SO LONG AS MANAGEMENT REFUSES SIGN NEW CONTRACT.  
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4. SUN PARIS BUREAU REPORTS EMPEROR HAS INVITED DUCHESS OF WINDSOR TO VISIT HIM, ACCORDING TO MEMBER OF HER STAFF.

5. FROM TOKYO, GLOBE'S CROCKER SNOW REPORTS KUWAITI AMBASSADOR TELLING AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOV. 28 THAT "A COUNTRY TO GET A CONTINUATION OF OIL SUPPLIES MUST DO SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT TO HELP THE ARAB CAUSE BY BRINGING PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO GIVE UP OCCUPIED TERRITORIES...IT IS NOT TOO DIFFICULT FOR JAPAN TO MAKE UP ITS MIND WHAT EXACTLY IT CAN DO. THE UNITED STATES IS GOOD FRIEND OF JAPAN, AND JAPAN CAN USE ITS INFLUENCE TO CONVINCE THE

UNITED STATES TO TAKE A MORE IMPARTIAL ATTITUDE".  
WHEN ASKED LATER PRIVATELY IF HE MEANT JAPANESE  
PRESSURE ON THE US THROUGH TRADE MANIPULATION, FOR  
INSTANCE, WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN DIRECT PRESSURE  
ON ISRAEL BY BREAKING RELATIONS, HE REPLIED, "DEFINITELY."

CHINA

6. IN 18TH SUCH ADJUSTMENT SINCE JUNE, PRC READJUSTED  
RENMINBI FROM 39.23 TO 39.47 PER HK DOLLAR. HK  
CHINESE NEWSPAPERS ATTRIBUTED CHANGE TO STRENGTHENING  
OF US DOLLAR, TO WHICH HK DOLLAR IS LINKED (UPI,  
JOC).

7. IRVING LOWENS (S-N NOV. 28) APPLAUDS SPECTACULAR  
NATIONAL CHINESE OPERA THEATER PREFORMANCE AT KENNEDY  
CENTER. COMMENTS THAT THE KIND OF "OPERA" PRESENTED  
(IN "SNIPPETS") USED TO BE KNOWN AS "PEKING OPERA,"  
WHICH IS PRESERVED IN TAIWAN, BUT, HAVING BEEN  
BANNED BY THE MAO REGIME AS FEUDAL, REACTIONARY  
AND DEGENERATE, IS NO LONGER SEEN ON THE MAINLAND.

8. APPEARING BEFORE HOUSE GOVT. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
INQUIRY INTO INS MANAGEMENT, INS INVESTIGATOR SAID  
STRONG EVIDENCE LINKS RINGS THAT SMUGGLE CHINESE  
INTO US WITH MAFIA GROUPS SMUGGLING BROWN ROCK  
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HEROIN FROM FAR EAST. ILLEGAL ENTRY PROBLEM GROWING  
WITH INCREASING NUMBERS OF SEAMEN JUMPING SHIP  
AND OTHER ALIENS BUYING FALSE DOCUMENTS FROM HK  
TRAVEL AGENCIES. IN MANY CASES COST IS DEFRAIDED  
BY SMUGGLING HEROIN.

PHILIPPINES

9. CDN (N-A, NOV. 28) REPORTS MARCOS AS ONE ASIAN  
LEADER WHO FIRMLY BELIEVES IN MAGICAL POWER OF  
NUMBER 7; ASCRIBES HIS POLITICAL SUCCESS TO THIS  
"LUCKY" NUMBER AND HAS USED IT IN ALMOST ALL OF  
HIS OFFICIAL ACTS AS PRES.

KOREA

10. ROK RED CROSS SPOKESMAN REJECTS NK'S CONDITIONS  
(SET AT PANMUNJOM MEETING OF LIAISON OFFICERS)  
FOR RESUMPTION OF RED CROSS TALKS. NK DEMANDED  
THAT SK REMOVE DELEGATES WHO ARE NOT RED CROSS  
MEMBERS, AND THAT VENUE BE SHIFTED TO PYONGYANG  
BECAUSE OF ANTI-COMMUNIST ATMOSPHERE IN SEOUL (NYT).

INDOCHINA

11. REPORTING ON LON NOL VISIT TO DEFECTOR CAMP AT PHNOM BASSET, MCCOMBS (WP) SAYS DESPITE AFTER EFFECTS OF STROKE HE WENT THROUGH LONG CEREMONY WITHOUT INCIDENT. LON NOL SAID GOVT FORCES ARE STRONGER AND APPEALED "TO THOSE WHO ARE STILL OUTSIDE TO JOIN US IN A HURRY." SPEAKING IN FRENCH TO REPORTERS, HE SAID HE WAS WILLING TO MEET WITH SIHANOUK BUT WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO COME TO PP FOR TALKS. CLAIMING THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF REBEL TROOPS BECOMING DISILLUSIONED, LON NOL SAID "CAMBODIAN PEOPLE SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL FROM NVN ARMY...NOW THEY'RE COMING BACK TO OUR SIDE WITH DESIRE TO KILL THE ENEMY." MCCOMBS TALKING WITH DEFECTORS SAYS THEY CLAIM NVN PRESSURED THEM WITH DEATH THREATS. ONE DEFECTOR SAID HE JOINED TO FIGHT AMERICANS, BUT LEARNED THERE WERE NONE IN CAMBODIA (WP).  
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12. IN NOV. 28 NY OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON SPEECH, GKR FM LONG BORET CHARGED SIHANOUK "STILL DREAMING THAT HE COULD BE RETURNED TO POWER VIA THE ARMED INTERVENTION" OF NVN. AT SAME FUNCTION, PAN SOTHI, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF KHMER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SAID WAR SERIOUSLY THREATENED BUDDHISM; 994 MONASTERIES DESTROYED, 1186 MONKS DISPLACED, 114 ASSASSINATED, 153 WOUNDED AND 360 ARRESTED BY INSURGENTS (NYT).

13. UPI SAYS FIELD REPORTS CLAIM KR SHELLLED KOMPONG SPEU WITH CAPTURED 105 MM GUNS. GOVT FORCES TRYING TO OPEN HWY 4 PUSHED A MILE IN VICINITY OF MOHASAING, 36 MILES FROM PP. FIGHTING CONTINUES AROUND TAKEO AND NORTH OF SALA LEK PRAM ON HWY 5 (SUN, PHINQ, NYDN).

14. ARVN WITH AIR AND TANK SUPPORT RETOOK BORDER POST OF DAK SONG WEDNESDAY, ENCOUNTERING ONLY LIGHT RESISTANCE. SOME HAND TO HAND FIGHTING WITH "SMALL TEAMS" OF NVA, NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. ARVN SOURCES SAID A NUMBER OF NVN TANKS CROSSED CAMBODIAN BORDER AT DAWN AND ARE ONLY TWO MILES WEST OF DAK SONG (AP, PHINQ, WP). BUT GVN TRUCK CONVOY ON HWY 14 PASSED DAK SONG IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT WAS RETAKEN, WITHOUT INCIDENT. GOVT SOURCES SAY ARVN WILL LAUNCH OPERATION NEXT WEEK TO RETAKE OTHER TWO BORDER POSITIONS LOST NOV. 4. IN PARIS GVN SPOKESMAN ACCUSED VC OF SABOTAGING PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BY BOYCOTTING WEEK'S SESSION, DECLARING "THEY STILL WANT A MILITARY VICTORY" (UPI, NYDN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

15. NYT'S GWERTZMAN FINDS ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS UNCERTAIN ABOUT SIHANOUK'S POLITICAL FUTURE AND UNCLEAR WHETHER THE PRINCE, TITULAR LEADER OF FORCES SEEKING TO OUST GKR, STILL CONTROLLED MUCH POWER WITHIN INSURGENT MOVEMENT OR HAD LOST ALMOST ALL HIS INFLUENCE IN RECENT WEEKS TO HANOI-SUPPORTED REBELS. UNTIL SITUATION CLARIFIED, DOS OFFICIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID, IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR EITHER US OR GKR OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE WITH WHOM TO DEAL IN SEEKING NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. CURRENT AMBIGUITY BEGAN TO DEVELOP WHEN SIHANOUK IN PEKING STARTED TO EXPRESS DOUBTS ABOUT HIS ABILITY TO GET ALONG WITH NVN-SUPPORTED KR. EARLIER THIS MONTH, HE ANNOUNCED THAT BEGINNING NOV. 9 HIS "GOVERNMENT" WOULD BE SITUATED ON CAMBODIAN TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY INSURGENTS, HIS HQ IN PEKING WOULD BE TRANSFORMED INTO MISSION, AND ALL MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIO WERE BEING TRANSFERRED TO OFFICIALS IN CAMBODIA BUT HE WAS STAYING IN CANTON TO BE WITH QUEEN MOTHER. GWERTZMAN CITES US OFFICIALS AS GIVING TWO PLAUSIBLE REASONS FOR SIHANOUK ANNOUNCEMENT: (1) IT WAS TACTICAL MOVE DICTATED BY DEBATE DUE TO BEGIN THIS WEEK IN UNGA OVER WHETHER SIHANOUK GOVT. SHOULD DISPLACE GKR. (2) SIHANOUK'S RELATIONS WITH HANOI-BACKED FORCES HAVE DETERIORATED SO SEVERELY THAT NVN DECIDED TO BOLSTER INSURGENTS WITHOUT SIHANOUK, WHO HAS OPENLY EXPRESSED HIS LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR COMMUNISM.

16. KINGSBURY SMITH IN PEKING WITH W.R. HEARST, JR. (BALTO N-A), NOV. 28) SAYS CHINA SEEMS BOUND TO BECOME DOMINANT POWER IN ASIA, IF NOT THE WORLD IN 21ST CENTURY, IF SHE AVOIDS A MAJOR WAR WITH USSR AND ANOTHER UPHEAVAL LIKE GPCR. CHINA'S TIGHTLY CONTROLLED, HIGHLY DISCIPLINED PEOPLE ARE BECOMING EDUCATED AND MOVING AHEAD WITH DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY. CHU MU-CHIH AND PENG HUA LISTED FOR HIM AND HEARST NATION'S OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE MAO UNITED CHINA (ONE POINT OF WHICH INCLUDED DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM THAT WILL MAKE CHINA A FULL-FLEDGED NUCLEAR MILITARY POWER). NOTES CHEERFUL ATTITUDE OF PEOPLE; THEY GIVE OVERWHELMING IMPRESSION OF VITALITY, TENACITY AND EVEN ENTHUSIASM - AND A CLEARLY APPARENT SENSE OF DEDICATION TO DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CHINA.

17. HEARST'S JOHN WALLACH COMES UP WITH ALSOPIAN PIECE SAYING DOS OFFICIALS SERIOUSLY PONDERING QUESTION WHETHER SUDDEN PRC DROPPING OF DEMANDS ON TAIWAN IN UNCLASSIFIED

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LATEST HAK-CHOU COMMUNIQUE MIGHT HAVE BEEN BASED ON PRC FEAR THAT SOVIET MISSILES MIGHT SOME DAY BE MOUNTED ON TAIWAN. WALLACH SAYS PRC POLICY SHIFT IN COMMUNIQUE MIGHT HAVE BEEN BASED ON PRC FEAR THAT SOVIET MISSILES MIGHT SOME DAY BE MOUNTED ON TAIWAN. WALLACH SAYS PRC POLICY SHIFT IN COMMUNIQUE HAS LED US OFFICIALS TO CONJECTURE THAT SINO-SOVIET SPLIT MORE SERIOUS THAN BELIEVED, ACCOUNTING FOR CHINESE NEAR-HYSTERIA RE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE. IN THIS CONTEXT, WALLACH NOTES PRC POINTING TO NEED FOR CENTO AND NATO TO CONTAIN SOVIETS; AND WALLACH SAYS CHINESE LEADERS EVEN VIEW ARAB OIL BOYCOTT AS SOVIET-INSPIRED PLOT TO EXTEND INFLUENCE IN ME AND BEYOND. SO US OFFICIALS FEEL CHINESE MAY NOW WELCOME CONTINUED US PRESENCE IN WEST PACIFIC, PARTICULARLY AROUND TAIWAN AND JAPAN. "THESE PUNDITS" POINT TO PARALLEL PRC INTEREST IN WINDING DOWN VN WAR IN WAY THAT PREVENTS EMERGENCE OF A REUNIFIED VN THAT COULD BECOME IMPORTANT SOVIET ALLY (BALTO N-A NOV. 28).

18. NYT APPROVES UNGA'S DEFERMENT FOR ANOTHER YEAR ANY CHANGE IN THE KOREAN ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENTS. NOTES THAT DEBATE TURNED INTO A PERFUNCTORY AFFAIR INSTEAD OF ANTICIPATED COMMUNIST-LED ASSAULT ON CONTINUING PRESENCE OF UNC IN SK AND ITS 40,000 US TROOPS; BOTH MOSCOW AND PEKING CLEARLY DECIDED THIS WAS NOT THE TIME TO PRESS THE NK CASE. REGARDS NK AND SK OBSERVER MISSIONS AT UN AS "A MILESTONE OF SORTS," ADDING THAT BEYOND TIDYING UP THE OLD PROCEDURAL IMBALANCE AND ABOLISHING UNCURK, THE UNGA RECOGNIZED THAT ANY ACTION IN UN WOULD BE SUPERFLUOUS. CONCLUDES THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR DESIGNING THE KOREAN FUTURE HAS NOW BEEN THROWN BACK WHERE IT BELONGS, TO THE TWO KOREAS.

19. FROM TOKYO, DON KIRK OF KNIGHT NEWS SERVICE (S-N NOV. 28) REPORTS CHIEF NARCOTICS OFFICER FOR MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE ATTRIBUTING SUCCESS IN JAPANESE CONTROL OF PROBLEM TO TOUGH TREATMENT OF ADDICTS AND STRICT ENFORCEMENT AGAINST TRAFFICKERS. JAPANESE HOSPITALS LEGALLY CAN ADMINISTER METHADONE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO LESSEN WITHDRAWAL PAINS, BUT DOCTORS AND NARCOTIC OFFICIALS PREFER AN ADDICT TO SWEAT IT OUT IN SPECIAL "PROTECTION ROOM." SOURCE REGARDS AMERICAN TREATMENT OF ADDICTS AS MUCH TOO MILD; WAS EVEN MORE CRITICAL OF WHAT PENALTIES IMPOSED ON THOSE CONVICTED OF POSSESSION OR SALE OF NARCOTICS IN US. JAPANESE BOTHERED BY REEMERGENCE OF USE OF "UPPERS." SENIOR

NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY OFFICIAL SAYS USE OF STIMULANTS BEGAN RAPID RISE IN 1970, AND SINCE THEN TOTAL ARRESTED HAS DOUBLED EVERY YEAR, UP TO 4709 IN 1972. USE OF STIMULANT KNOWN AS PHILOPON, IS WARTIME LEGACY; IT WAS MASS-PRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SOLDIERS TO KEEP THEM ALERT AND EAGER TO FIGHT. SOURCE REPORTS THAT AFTER WAR THERE WERE BETWEEN 200,000 AND 1 MILLION LATENT PHILOPON ADDICTS, BUT BY 1958 NUMBER HAD DECREASED TO ONLY 271 AS A RESULT OF TOUGH CAMPAIGN. NARCOTICS OFFICERS ATTRIBUTED NEW POPULARITY OF STIMULANTS TO EFFORTS OF UNDERWORLD GROUPS PREVIOUSLY ENGAGED IN HEROIN TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATE THAT TWO-THIRDS OF PHILOPON IMPORTS COME FROM KOREA.

20. NYT'S MARKHAM TAKES TOUR D'HORIZON OF PP, AS CAPITAL ENJOYS BRIEF RESPITE FROM RECENT TENSIONS. FINDS CONSTANT BOOM OF GOVT. ARTILLERY GOES ON ALMOST UNNOTICED; GAS RATIONING; GOVT. BUREAUCRATS WORKING LESS THAN THEY DID BEFORE BECAUSE OF ELECTRICITY CONSERVATION. SAYS TRADE FLOWS BETWEEN BOTH SIDES, CITING CLASSIC CASE OF RUBBER PLANTATION OPERATIONS. REPORTS DRAFT DIDN'T WORK, SO GOVT. HAS GONE BACK TO GRABBING MEN ON STREETS, CITING SPECIFIC CASES.

21. WSJ'S MCDOWELL IN TOKYO NOTES THAT WHILE CRIME IS RISING IN MOST INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, JAPAN 1972 CRIME RATE WAS LOWEST SINCE END OF WWII; IN PAST DECADE CRIME IN TOKYO ACTUALLY DECLINED TEN PERCENT. ATTRIBUTES THIS TO HIGH EMPLOYMENT, LITTLE POVERTY, HOMOGENEOUS POPULATION, COMPACT SIZE AND GEOGRAPHIC ISOLATION. ALSO, JAPANESE FAMILIES ARE STILL RELATIVELY STABLE AND TIGHT-KNIT, AND THOSE WHO VIOLATE THE LAW CAN EXPECT SWIFT AND STERN UNCLASSIFIED

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PUNISHMENT. BUT BROADER REASON HAS TO DO WITH VALUES, BELIEFS AND CUSTOMS WOVEN INTO FABRIC OF JAPANESE LIFE. KISSINGER

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